

Command Safety Brief

PREFACE

- Command Safety Brief
 - The following slides represent what could be done as part of the command safety brief
 - It is **not** all inclusive and serves as “examples” only
 - This particular brief relies heavily on the risk management process
 - This brief contains random samples that may or may not apply to your unit
 - Nothing contained in this **sample** is a requirement, but rather a **format** that may be adopted and adjusted for your particular needs

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The Challenge

“Reduce the number of mishaps and accident rates by at least 50% in the next two years.”



Secretary of
Defense

What does this mean to you?
It's on our watch!

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Command Safety Philosophy

- Safety is a command priority and coexists with mission accomplishment
- Preventable accidents are unacceptable
- Leaders / soldiers are accountable for their actions
- Standards will be followed and enforced

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Command Safety Philosophy

- Safety Officers / NCOs work for, report directly to, and speak for the commander on safety issues
- Risk Management works! Use it – 5 step process
- Leader involvement needs to be “3 deep” to ensure risk decisions are being made at the appropriate level

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Risk Management "3 Deep"

**Sergeant's
Training
Time**



**Requires
multi-level
leader
involvement**

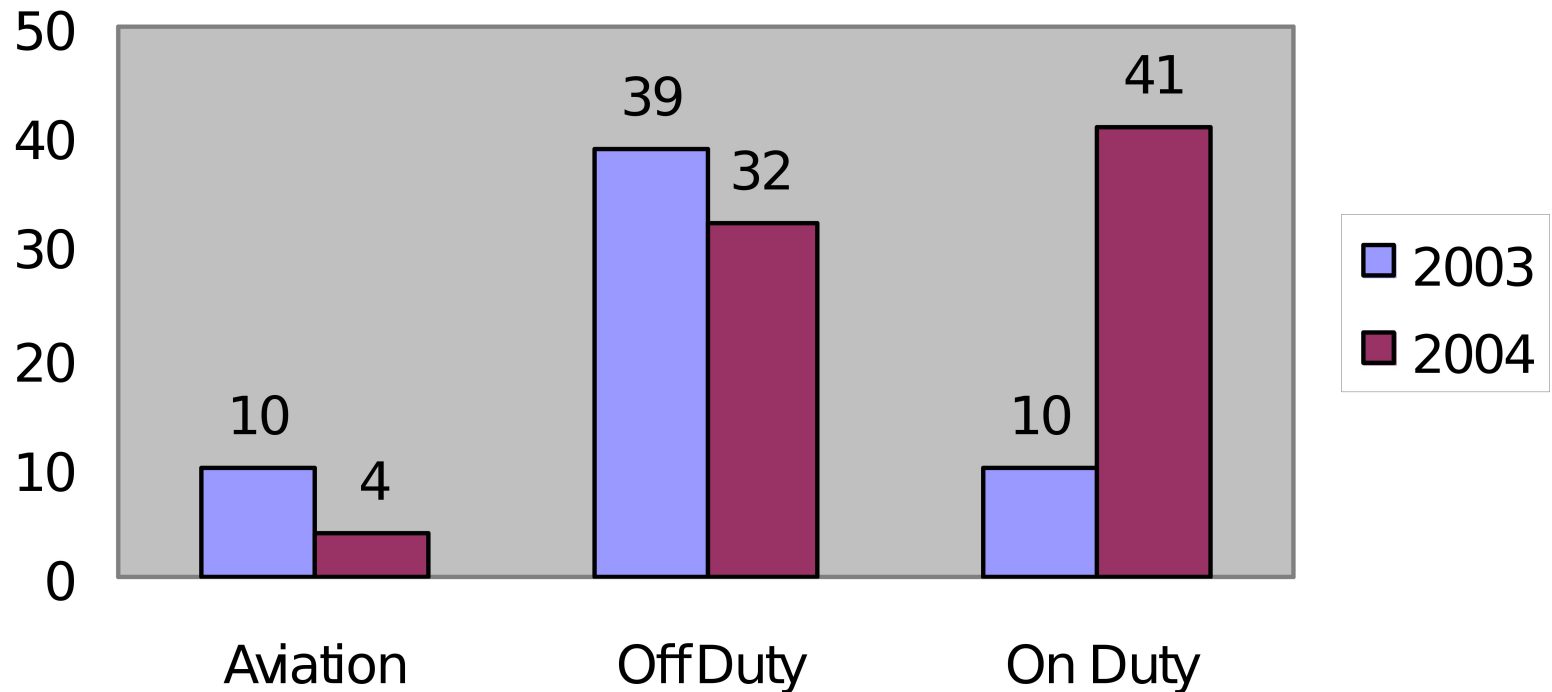
**Company
Battle
Drill**



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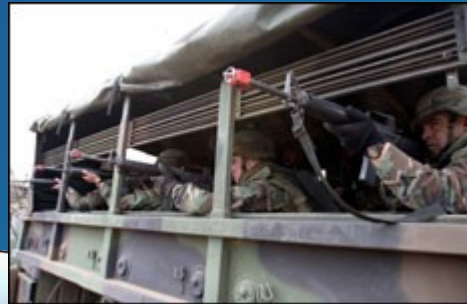
- *Identified Army Hazards: Fatality Comparison*

FY 04 - 77
Fatalities



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Where are we at risk?

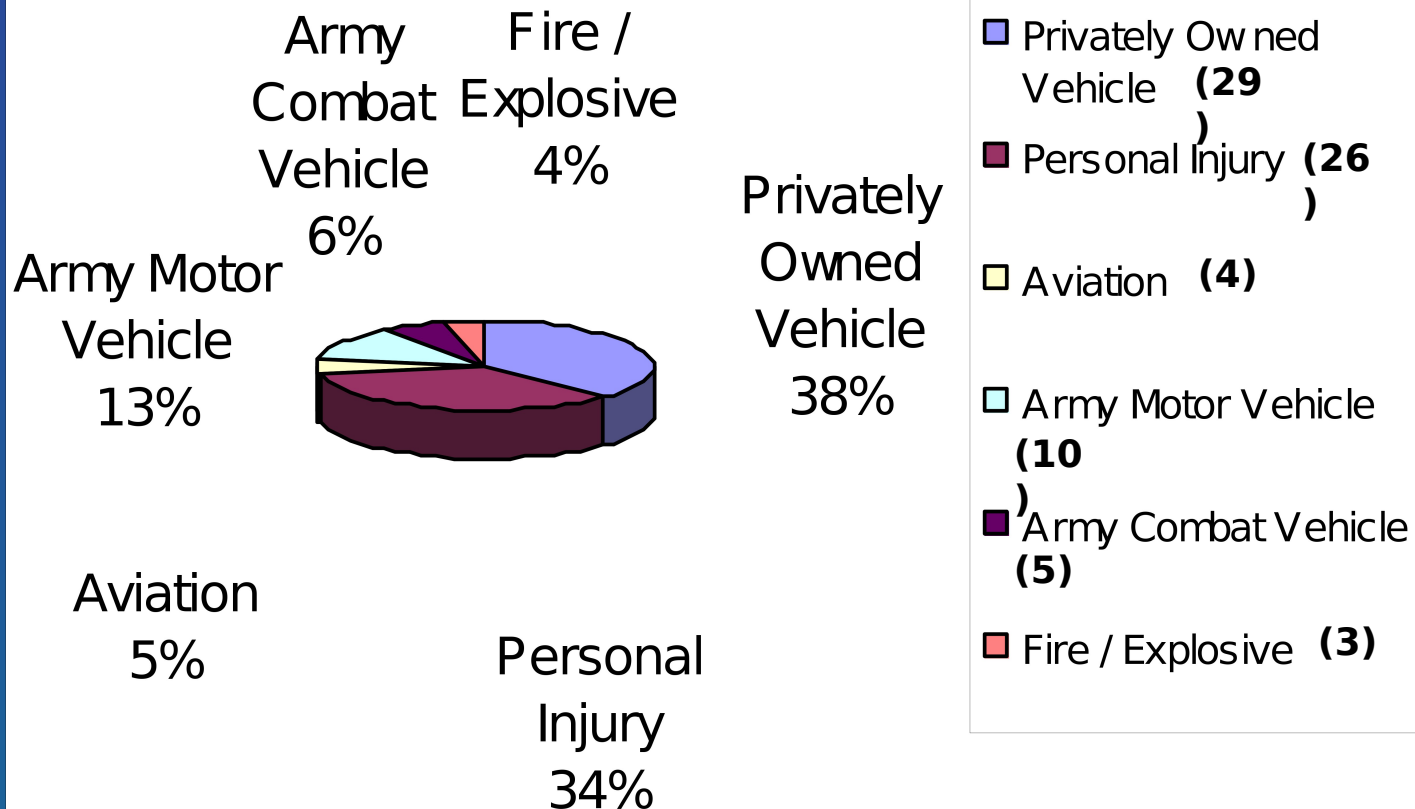


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FY 04 Army Military Fatalities

- Identified Army Hazards*

TOTAL FATALITIES -77



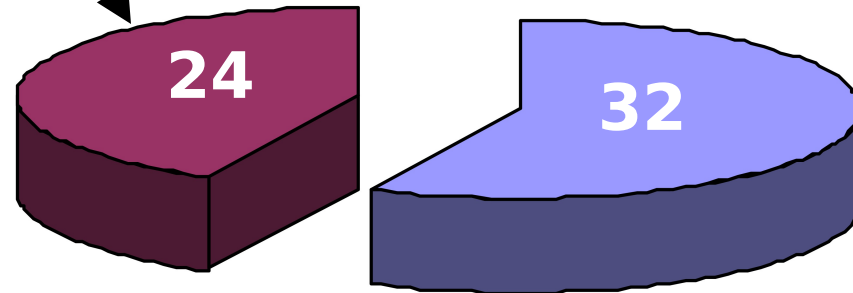
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Total Army Motor Vehicle Class A Accidents vs Class A Rollover Accidents

FY 02 to
Present

**42.9% of all
AMV Class A
Accidents
Were
Rollovers**

Rollover
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Drivers Training?

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Assessed Unit Hazards

- Assessed Hazards
 - Based on the unit's METL, past experience, upcoming events, direct observations, and review of similar units
 - Based on *Probability* and *Severity* the following operations are considered HIGH risk:
 - **POV operations**
 - **Personal injury**
 - **Army motor vehicle operations**
 - **Fire / explosive**

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Develop Controls / Make Risk Decisions

- Develop Controls and Make Risk Decisions
 - **POVs**
 - All soldiers on pass or leave will complete ASMIS 1
 - No soldier will depart on leave or pass after 18:00 on a work day
 - Supervisors will review / approve all travel plans
 - **Personal injury**
 - All soldiers will receive proper training before being assigned a task
 - Proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be worn specific to the job requirements
 - By-the-book procedures will be the standard – no shortcuts

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Develop Controls / Make Risk Decisions

- Develop Controls and Make Risk Decisions
 - **Army Motor Vehicles**
 - All soldiers will be trained, tested, and licensed before operating any Army vehicle
 - Dispatch procedures will include safety controls (eg. speed, road conditions, rest breaks)
 - Convoy commanders will address safety issues as part of the convoy brief IAW unit SOP
 - **Fire / Explosive**
 - Fire wardens will be assigned for all sleeping quarters on post and during deployments
 - Fire fighting equipment and procedures will be in place prior to conducting refueling operations
 - All soldiers will receive training on unexploded ordnance safety prior to deployment

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Implement Controls

- Implement Controls
 - Controls will be integrated into SOPs, written and verbal orders, mission briefings, and staff estimates
 - Converted to clear, simple execution orders that can be followed and understood at all levels
 - Supervisors at all levels are responsible for control implementation
 - Soldiers will ensure all controls are executed to standard IAW Army directives, SOP procedures, and verbal orders

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Supervise and Evaluate

- Supervision and Evaluation by Leaders
 - Conducted during mission preparation and execution
 - Continuous oversight to ensure standards and controls are enforced
 - Evaluation to determine
 - Effectiveness of controls
 - Changes needed to improve controls
 - Requirement for development of new controls

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Supervise and Evaluate

- Supervise and Evaluate
 - Supervisors at all levels will be responsible for ensuring these procedures are followed and evaluating the effectiveness of the controls
 - Evaluations of the effectiveness of the controls will be provided via AARs
 - If a threat to life, limb, or equipment is imminent all operations will cease and the problem will be elevated through the chain-of-command

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Command Concerns

- Leader / Supervisor Pitfalls
 - Risk denial
 - Failure to raise risk decision to appropriate level of command
 - Failure to understand higher guidance
 - Complacency and overconfidence
 - Use of standardized risk assessment tool (risk assessment cards)

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Command Expectations

- For Leaders / Supervisors
 - Support the commander's safety program
 - Keep the commander informed
 - Lead by example
 - Take immediate action, make on-the-spot corrections, and enforce standards
 - Listen to and keep subordinates informed
 - Learn / apply / train Risk Management principles
 - Accept risks
 - When justified and with full knowledge of potential outcomes
 - When authorized at your level

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Command Expectations

- **For Individuals**

- Support the commander's safety program
- Report safety concerns through the chain of command and safety channels
- Take immediate action, make on-the-spot corrections, and enforce standards
- Focus on mission accomplishment with no unnecessary risks
- Practice risk management and exercise safe behavior both on and off duty

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Command Expectations

- **For Safety Officer / NCO / Manager**
 - **Implement and manage the commander's safety program**
 - **Report directly to the commander**
 - **Serve as SME on all safety issues and provide risk management input for all planning operations**
 - **Conduct Risk Management training, safety training and awareness programs, safety surveys, and assist all sections in accident prevention**

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Safety Awareness

- Safety Awareness
 - All units will conduct a monthly safety meeting for education and exchange of safety information
 - Safety considerations will be incorporated in all sections of the Quarterly Training Brief (QTB)
 - A unit safety award program will be initiated to recognize and reward safe behavior

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Safety Tools

- Resources available:
 - Army Safety Center (<http://safety.army.mil>)
 - RMIS (<http://rmis.army.mil>)
 - ASMIS 1 (<http://safety.army.mil>)
 - ARAS (<http://safety.army.mil>)
 - POV Tools
(<http://safety.army.mil/pages/pov/index.html>)
 - Unit Safety Officer / NCO / Manager